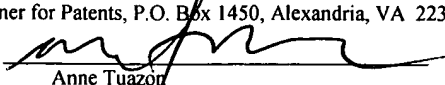


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In re application of: Q. Liu *et al.*

Application No.: 09/989,994

Filed: November 20, 2001

For: POSITION DEPENDENT
RECOGNITION OF GNN NUCLEOTIDE
TRIPLETS BY ZINC FINGERS

Examiner: Karen C. Carlson

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to respond to the Office Action dated March 18, 2004. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), a check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed (Fee code 1251).

In light of the filing of this petition and the enclosed payment, the deadline for response is extended to July 19, 2004, which is the first business day following July 18, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 19, 2004

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